**Assistance to craftsmen and weavers in Uttaranchal**

2416. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target has been fixed by Government to give financial assistance to craftsmen and weavers under Self-Employment Scheme in Uttaranchal, especially in remote areas of the State; and

(b) if so, the number of craftsmen and weavers who have been benefited so far under this scheme in Uttaranchal, district-wise and block-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) No Sir, there is no Self-Employment Scheme in the Hanidcrafts and Handlooms sector. However, in Handicrafts Sector Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) is being implemented for integrated development of Handicraft Clusters and in Handlooms. Sector, Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) is being implemented for promotion of Handloom Weavers through various interventions like technology, marketing and other basic inputs. These schemes are being implemented throughout the country including the State of Uttaranchal. Under AHVY, six projects have been sanctioned for integrated development of craft clusters in Uttaranchal during last three years benefiting 130 Self Help Groups comprising of 2026 artisans. Similarly under DDPHY, 1794 handloom weavers benefited in Uttaranchal during last three years. In addition to above, 437 handicraft artisans have also been provided Artisan Credit Card in Uttaranchal to enable them to avail loans from Banks to meet there working capital requirements.

**Involvement of Private Parties in setting up of Textile Parks**

2417. SHRI LALITSURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to involvement private parties to set up 25 integrated textile parks in the country within a span of two years;

(b) if so, the number of private parties with locations which have so far shown interest in the scheme;